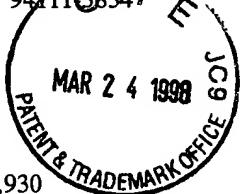


Amendment

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond.  
 [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.  
 [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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If any extension of time is needed, then this response should be considered a petition therefor.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- [ ] No fee is due.

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- [ ] Claims fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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